

ABSTRACT

A method, apparatus, and signal-bearing medium for compressing a boot ROM image into a network adapter's boot ROM and then decompressing the boot ROM image into the memory of an electronic device before executing it. In addition to the
5 compressed boot ROM image, the boot ROM may also contain a decompressor for decompressing the boot ROM image and a loader for loading the decompressor.

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